

WHEREAS, In addition to MPT, public television and public radio stations throughout Maryland inform, entertain, and teach the many thousands of Marylanders who use them every day. These include WFAA-FM, WJHU-FM, WESM-FM, WSCL-FM, WMPT, WCPB, WGPT, WFPT, and WMPB; and

WHEREAS, Total funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting is only \$285 million per year, which is a drop in the bucket compared to either the federal budget or the annual deficit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, That the United States Congress is urged to continue its present levels of funding support for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Kweisi Mfume, and Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Signed May 18, 1995.

Joint Resolution No. 5

(House Joint Resolution No. 17)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Support for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting

FOR the purpose of urging the United States Congress to continue present levels of support for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

WHEREAS, Some leaders in the United States Congress have proposed to cut all federal funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which supports public radio and television stations throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Funds provided through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting make possible the production and local airing of television programs such as "Sesame Street", "Nova", and the "MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour", and public radio broadcasts such as "Morning Edition" and "All Things Considered", among many nationally produced programs; and

WHEREAS, Maryland Public Television (MPT), which provides high quality television to all Marylanders whether or not they live in an urban area or have cable service, is only one of many State public broadcasting networks which would be forced to cut back its offerings without the funds that it receives from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; and